

日一十月九年十丁緒光 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 1877. 六拜禮 號七十二月十英 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

[PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.]

AN FAMINE RELIEF

THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF
EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
General RYDER, Commodore WATSON,
Captain COLMON, and OFFICERS of
H.M.S. "Audacious"
AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
OF THE ABOVE SHIP
will give a
PERFORMANCE
in the
THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 1877.
The proceeds to be devoted to the above purpose.
GREEN'S SNUG LITTLE
BUSINESS"
URGENT PRIVATE AFFAIRS."
"AREA, BELLE,"
and will attend. To commence at 8 P.M.

As may be had and Seats secured at
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co's, where a
the House can be seen.
(along, 32nd October, 1877. [1572]

CHINESE-AMERICAN RELIEF FUND.

AMATEUR CONCERT
will be given at the
HALL (ST. ANDREW'S HALL),
on
TUESDAY, THE 28th NOVEMBER,
in aid of the above Fund.
Programmes will be published shortly.
(along, 26th October, 1877. [1598]

WATOW, AMOY, AND POCHOH
Steamship

... "YESSO."
S. A. Ashton, will be despatched for the
Ports on TUESDAY, the 30th instant,
light.

Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFFRAIE & Co
(along, 27th October, 1877. [1600]

Spanish Brig
"SAN LORENZO."
Dispatched, will have immediate de-
parture for the above Port.
Freight or Passage apply to
HENRIKSSON & Co. [1901
Hongkong, 26th October, 1877.
WANTED, a BOOKKEEPER in a
GENERAL STORE and SHIP CHAN-
celary. Good references required. Address
Salary, "T. K." Amoy. [1893
By 22nd October, 1877.
WANTED, a EUROPEAN BOLLER-
MAKER. Must be of good and satis-
factory character, and of good recom-
mendations as to Capacity, Sobriety, &c. Ad-
dress, "BOLLERMAKER," Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1877. [1w1876
FOR SALE
LARGE TAKASIMA COAL, ex Goodwin,
at \$8 per Ton.
Apply to
THOS. C. GLOVER,
General Manager, Central and East Point.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
 TENDEES ARE INVITED for a LEASE of the
 HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Free-
 Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878.
 TENDERS to be received at the Office of
 the 31st March, 1878, to the SECRETARY of
 the HONGKONG HOTEL Company, Limited,
 will supply every information required.
 Order of the Directors,
 LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 15th September, 1877. [1421]
 LAUDATORY NOTICE.
 THE Chinese trading junk "Chun So
 Hing," which left Keelung for Amoy
 on a Cargo of Salt Fish, when sailing on the
 24th ultimo off the Coast of Tamsui, suddenly
 encountered severe gales, and was dismasted and lost
 her cargo. Fortunately she was met by the
 "HONGKONG," and towed through the wind-
 and waves to the anchorage. The services
 of the Captain of that vessel, the disabled
 crew, and the passengers, were
 was safely towed back to Tamsui by the
 "HONGKONG." TO PLACE ON RECORD THE
 VOLUNTARINESS OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE
 "HONGKONG" this Notice is hereby given.
 THE OWNER
 OF THE "CHUN SO HING" JUNK.
 Hongkong, 24th October, 1877. [71589]
 NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
 CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO,
 OF THE S. S. COAST GUARDIAN,
 FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the undersigned not later than the 27th inst. for shipment per Steamer "PRIAM".
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1877. [1517]

BARK "STRATHMORE" FROM KURRACHER.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for Consignation, and take immediate delivery of their Goods; cargo impeding the departure of the Vessel to be landed and stored at Consignees' risk.

longkong, 23rd October, 1877. [1584]
BRITISH BARQUE "ELMSTONE,"
FROM LONDON.
 CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Vessel
 are hereby requested to send in their Bills
 of Lading to the Undersigned for Countersigna-
 ture, and to take immediate delivery of their

being landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th October, 1877. [1554]
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE:

THE "RAIDNORSHIRE"
Having arrived Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at risk and stored in the Godowns of Messrs. Wharfedale & Co. Duddell Street, whence they will be forwarded to the Consignees of the said Cargo. The Consignees of the said Cargo will be informed by the Consignees of the said Cargo. The Consignees of the said Cargo will be informed by the Consignees of the said Cargo.

M. TO DAY.
Cargo, remaining undelivered after the 24th inst. will be subject to rent.
The Fire Insurance has been effected.
The Consignees of the said Cargo will be informed by the Consignees of the said Cargo.

H. KILAR & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th October 1877. [1556]
BRITISH BARK "MELBEK," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their orders to the Consignees of the said Cargo, to be landed to the Undersigned for Consignment, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel is landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1877. Agents. [11547]

NOTICE

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor and his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES.
And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED.
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm of A. S. Watson and Co., or to the Hongkong Dispensary.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name. All letters for publication should be written on the side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 27th, 1877.

The second line of telegraph in China is now, we learn from our Foochow contemporary, completed, and messages are being transmitted by it daily. The first line, it will be remembered, was that constructed at Tientsin to connect the Vice-regal Yamen with the Arsenal, for the convenience and amusement of His Excellency Li Hung-chang. The construction of that short line, though it is of comparatively little use, was an important event, since the idea originated with a Chinese official high in authority, who has thus recognized the practical utility of this grand modern invention. The line of the wedge has been inserted by a native, and natives will yet, we trust, drive it securely home. Still it by no means follows as a matter of course that the establishment of three or four miles of telegraph wires at Tientsin should bring about the universal use of this marvellous means of communication in the Central Kingdom. The literati are as much opposed to the innovation as ever in other provinces, no doubt, and would find no difficulty in persuading the people that the telegraph posts interfered with Feng-shui. It is most probable that Chinese prejudices against Western inventions will not be gradually overcome, unless a great political revolution be suddenly effected from within. At the same time, every step taken in advance by a Chinese official has a wonderful effect in preparing the way for changes which, if forced upon them by foreigners, might prove most unpalatable to the people.

The new line of telegraph just opened connects Taiwan-fu and Takao, and is therefore only a very short one, but it can be turned to more practical account than the line at Tientsin, and has more the appearance of a public work. It is, of course, the fruit of His Excellency Tiao Jui-chang's labours, and reflects credit upon his energy and love of progress. The line is worked by pupils from the Torpedo College at Tientsin, assisted by youths taken from the new defunct Telegraph School at Foochow. There seems to be little objection on the part of the Chinese authorities to the introduction of telegraph wires, telegraphs, or European machinery into Formosa. Perhaps this is owing to the fact that the island is at a reasonable distance from the mainland, and they consider it safe to make experiments there which they would hesitate to have tried upon the mainland. A good deal is due to the enterprise of Tiao Jui-chang, but it is doubtful whether such innovations would be so quietly permitted in Fokien as he has started in Formosa. It is possible, too, that a desire to increase the revenue derived from Formosa has something to do with this activity in the island, while the fact that they were nearly plunged into a war with Japan through the acts of the aborigines renders the Peking officials anxious to see their authority spread over the whole island, and they suggestily spread that the best and surest way to effect this is to fully develop its resources. Having once conceived the idea of laying a railway down to connect Taiwan-fu with Takao, it is highly probable that the intention will be persevered with, although the Shanghai and Wusung line is not to be removed. At all events, we sincerely hope that such will prove to be the case, and that Tiao Jui-chang will be enabled to prosecute his schemes for the improvement of the island. It is stated that His Excellency Ho Ching, the Viceroy of Fokien and Chekiang, is about to apply to Peking for permission to retire from his post. He is said to be an ultra-Conservative, and probably not altogether pleased with the Peking's energetic and reforming policy. Should he retire, it is not improbable that Tiao will be appointed to succeed him, if the state of the latter's health will permit of his acceptance of the office. If not, the Government of Peking will act wisely in selecting a Governor-General who is not wedded to past traditions and infatuated with ancient customs.

The Government of Peking experiences so much difficulty in preserving order in the outlying portions of the Empire that we should have thought it would not have been particularly anxious to add far distant Kashgar to the list. The Amoy province is, according to a memorial in the Peking Gazette of the 50th ultimo, in a condition of lawlessness perfectly astounding. The Military Governor of the province memorializes to the Throne on the state in which the region confided to his care has glided. Of late years there has been a large migration from more populous provinces further south, and the new settlers appear to be of a most disorderly and unruly character. The Governor states, however, that apart from the misdeeds of the inhabitants, the country has periodically suffered from incursions of mounted banditti, and of late years "lawless individuals of the population have combined with bandits and Moslems to make forays in open daylight upon the pastures lands, whence herds of oxen or

horses are driven off for sale beyond the local boundaries." This offence of cattle-lifting has become developed into an organized system; and the memorialists report the apprehension of an offender in the seat of Government who actually had in his possession a key manufactured to fit the lock of the city gate, his object being to obtain a passage for the horses stolen by himself and his confederates. The state of affairs in this remote portion of the Celestial Empire is evidently something like that which prevailed in the Highlands of Scotland some few centuries ago, when the mass of the people religiously observed that they should take what they could, and they should keep what they could.

As another instance of the value of Chinese horse property, we notice that the ground lately occupied by the Novelties Works, West Point, is being utilized for the erection of Chinese houses.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending October 24th:

Day	Visitors
Thursday	56
Friday	43
Saturday	43
Sunday	47
Monday	43
Tuesday	43
Wednesday	35

In their circular dated the 18th inst., Messrs. Bush Brothers of Newburgh say that since last September manufacturers have gone on in considerable numbers of from 500 to 1,000, and are bringing charged hands with two days. It is not possible to give reliable quotations for charters, there being no seeking cart in port. Over thirty vessels are loading or waiting for cargo, some of which are expected to be sent to the natives in the near future. The natives are not yet ready to receive the goods, and are waiting for the goods to be sent to the natives in the near future. The natives are not yet ready to receive the goods, and are waiting for the goods to be sent to the natives in the near future.

Referring to the vicinity of the white ants of the South of China, in the course of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society, Dr. MacGillivray mentioned the curious fact that tobacco had been discovered to be a deadly poison to white ants. A colony of them penetrated a box of tobacco, but no sooner had they fastened themselves on the cigars than they were killed by nicotine—a solemn warning, added to the fact that tobacco is a deadly poison to those who smoke it. It is popularly believed that, wherever a vegetable poison is found growing, an antidote may be discovered close at hand; and this is illustrated in a manner by the fact that tobacco is a deadly poison to those who smoke it. It is popularly believed that, wherever a vegetable poison is found growing, an antidote may be discovered close at hand; and this is illustrated in a manner by the fact that tobacco is a deadly poison to those who smoke it.

The steamship *London Castle* has again (says the *Strait Times*) made a quick voyage. She left Amoy on the 6th and arrived at Singapore on the night of the 11th, and from that keeping time to her fate. Unfortunately, however, an accident occurred which will be the cause of her detention until the 16th at least. On the morning after her arrival, while being brought alongside the pier, she was struck by the steamship *Pilot Barrow*, with a strong tide running at the time and the vessel going at a good speed, whether owing to an error of judgment or to a collision with the pier, the vessel came into collision with the pier, and a portion of the pier was broken through. It was fortunate, indeed, that the collision occurred at this time, for at one time it threatened that she would come into collision with another vessel. Upon examination it has been found that there will be no occasion to leave her dock.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before H. G. Thomsen, Esq., Charles Aschmann, master of the *British Eagle*, was charged with having taken on board the *British Eagle* a quantity of opium, contrary to the provisions of the Act of 1854. The charge was made by the *British Eagle*, a merchant ship, which was on board the *British Eagle* at the time of the seizure. The *British Eagle* was on board the *British Eagle* at the time of the seizure. The *British Eagle* was on board the *British Eagle* at the time of the seizure.

THE REGATTA.
The following crew were drawn last evening for the regatta, and the names are given below in the order in which they were drawn. The names are given below in the order in which they were drawn. The names are given below in the order in which they were drawn.

CRICKET.
GARRISON V. CLUB.
The cricket match between the Garrison and the Club was commenced yesterday, and the former, being the weaker side, were put out for 124 and the latter for 100. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw. The match was a very close one, and the result was a draw.

SUPREME COURT.
October 26th.
CRIMINAL REASONS.
BEFORE THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE SIR JOHN SMITH.
ALLIED TRUST OF A WIRE-CLASS.
The charge against the defendant, Li Ayan, a shopkeeper, of stealing a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, was returned. The Attorney-General, instructed by the Acting-Governor, presented the case. The defendant, Li Ayan, was charged with stealing a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, which was returning from the coast of China. The defendant, Li Ayan, was charged with stealing a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, which was returning from the coast of China.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SHOWNEN.
Breach of Contract.
GUTH V. GAUFF AND CO., \$1,000.
The hearing of this case was resumed. It was a case of breach of contract, and the plaintiff, Guth, was claiming damages for the loss of a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, which was returning from the coast of China. The defendant, Gauff and Co., was charged with stealing a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, which was returning from the coast of China.

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to Canton for reinforcement and a supply of ammunition. An opium smuggler was arrested on the afternoon of the 18th inst. in the North Ward of the Western suburb. Four balls of opium were found in his possession, and they were immediately confiscated. The smuggler, who was named Li Ayan, was charged with stealing a wire-class on board the steamer *Kiungking*, which was returning from the coast of China.

On the afternoon of the 17th inst. a cargo boat, with more than three hundred passengers on board, was returning from the coast of China. The boat was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China. The boat was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China.

An audacious attack was made a few days since on the *Kiungking*, a small steamship, which was returning from the coast of China. The boat was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China. The boat was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China.

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We understand that the *Kiungking* has given information that he will pay the balance of the opium purchase money on Monday (next). Sunday being a day when foreigners, and that he requests the engines, plant, and little else may then be handed over to an official agent, who will be delegated to receive them. Whether Mr. Chu will take control of the engines, and continue working them under his own superintendence, is not stated.

We mention these matters as they are of standing as likely to be of interest to our readers. We mention these matters as they are of standing as likely to be of interest to our readers. We mention these matters as they are of standing as likely to be of interest to our readers.

On the 10th inst. a vessel was seen to enter the harbour, and was named *Kiungking*. The vessel was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China. The vessel was named *Kiungking*, and was returning from the coast of China.

The French Admiral left yesterday with the *Atalante* and *Talisman*. They are understood to be going in the first instance for a cruise in the South China Sea, and will be accompanied by the *Kiungking*, which is returning from the coast of China.

On Tuesday, 24th inst., the thermometer (Fah.) stood at 55° at 5 a.m., and at 60° at 10 a.m. The weather was very warm, and the light breeze was quite enough to wear. About half-past 3 p.m. a strong N.W. wind commenced, and next morning it was a strong N.W. wind, and the temperature was a couple of degrees warmer.

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